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1912 tornado recalled with weather warning

Path. Storm moved southwards from Lloydminister area this week, causing property damage and power outages

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For a few hours on Tuesday, it looked as if the weeklong festivities commemorating the 1912 tornado might be disrupted by one thing — a tornado.

A warning was issued for the Queen City on Tuesday as residents followed the weather event in the media and online.

Starting on Monday, the storm cut its path southwards from the Lloydminster area, causing property damage and power outages in its wake, and then made its way to Moose Jaw.

As Regina residents tuned in to track its progress, many were struck by the odd timing.

There are a number of events taking place this week across the city commemorating the massive tornado that hit the city June 30, 1912.

"We were a little freaked this week when the weather started to get really strange," says Robin Poitras, founder of New Dance Horizons and organizer of the Red Shoes Project, a kid-centred dance event that's part of the week's festivities. She says that the strong winds helped bring history alive for the young people involved in the project.

Collette Parks is the manager of marketing and communications at the Saskatchewan Science Centre, one of the partners in the week's events.

"It's really cool to see people thinking about tornados in real time, and then also thinking about what happened a hundred years ago as well," says Parks.

She says she spent some time Tuesday evening posting tornado-safety tips on Twitter. "Just thinking back a hundred years, they wouldn't have had a lot of warning," says Parks. "They wouldn't have the ability to prepare the way that we do.

"I think it's going to increase the interest in this week's events. People are going to be a lot more engaged."

That engagement has come in the form of social media as well. "For me last night, one of the things that I really enjoyed was the fact that I was sharing the event on twitter," says Parks.

"I was watching other people tweeting about it and we were texting each other and watching live webcasts of storm chasers. It really felt like we had gone through all of this together."

The facade of a building at 7th Avenue and Rose Street collapsed at about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday after strong winds gusted through the city. CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS/METRO

Riders bar door to fans

Too much talk on Roughriders forums has prompted the football club to limit fans' access to team practices PAGE 3

Sorrow out of the ruins

Rescue workers in Elliot Lake, Ont., bowed their heads as two bodies were lifted out of a collapsed mall's debris on Wednesday PAGE 4

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Library back to square one

The board of the Regina Public Library admits it has no Plan B for a new building, now that its original scheme — which included buying the neighbouring structure — has fallen through.

"We don't have any idea at this point. We don't have a plan to do anything at this point," board chair Darlene Hinks-Joehnk told Metro.

Jim Holms, a spokesperson for Friends of the RPL, says the group is surprised there is no alternate plan. "We thought there would have been a number of other options and they might be fairly well-developed plans and they were selecting among other options. But that's not the case. They're starting again from scratch." METRO

No injuries

Winds damage store facade

A large decorative piece of brickwork outside Vintage Vinyl Record Emporium came crashing down due to strong winds on Wednesday, leaving employees at the 11th Avenue and Smith Street store sweeping smashed brick off the sidewalk. It happened at about 10:30 a.m., and no one was hurt. METRO

Former Walmart

New tenants for Southland Mall

The large space in the Southland Mall once occupied by Walmart finally has tenants. Canadian Tire, Sport Chek, Mark's Work Warehouse and Atmosphere will all move into the space, which has been empty since 2010. METRO

Roughriders head coach Corey Chamblin appears after Riders practice on Wednesday. Chamblin and the Riders organization decided to reduce fans' access to team practices after they learned some attendees were sharing too many of their observations online. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Riders fans feel left out

Policy change. Team limits public access to practices after some attendees post too many of their observations online

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There was something missing at Wednesday's Roughriders practice. The atmosphere was markedly different, and it wasn't just due to the strong winds cutting through the stadium.

It was because there were no fans in the stands watching. Riders supporters have been attending practices for years, but on Tuesday they were issued a letter from the team.

"On behalf of the Roughriders football club, I would like to inform you that we will be closing Day 2 and Day 3 practices to the public, effective tomorrow," said the letter from head coach Corey Chamblin.

Practice attendees had apparently been sharing too many of their observations online in Roughriders fan forums. Riders staff feared that the information could be used by opposing teams.

Some are upset by the change in policy.

"They (the fans) should have got a warning," said Doug Schmidt, a longtime football fan. "They should have told the fans that, 'If this keeps going on, we are going to close practice.' But they didn't, they just shut it right down."

Otherwise, Riders training camp on Wednesday continued as usual, despite a team warning that it could be cut short due to the intense wind. "I was trying to protect (the fans), I didn't want them to get caught in this wind," joked Chamblin.

Fans still have access to Riders practice on Day 1 of the schedule as well as the Day 4 stadium walkthrough before a home game.

"The practices that are open to the public are just going to be generic things," said Schmidt.

"For the real fans that know what is going on, they won't get anything out of it."

Quoted

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Longtime fan Doug Schmidt

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On the web

Rock, paper, robot

Researchers at the University of Tokyo are billing it as a showpiece for what they describe as human-machine co-operation systems: A robot arm that will mercilessly thrash you in a game of "janken," or rock-paper-scissors. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story.

Mobile news

A softer side to all the rucking and mauling: Members of Canada's national women's rugby team have bared all in a calendar aimed at promoting positive body images and raising a little cash ahead of Summer Olympics in 2016, when the sport will be reintroduced. Scan the code to read the full story.

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Afghan torture. Military police cleared, Tories' stalling tactics assailed

Canadian military police officers have been cleared of wrongdoing by a commission that investigated explosive allegations of prisoner torture in Afghan jails.

The commission concluded the cops were kept in the dark.

The issue rocked Canadian politics starting in 2007 and threatened to topple Prime Minister Stephen Harper's minority government in late 2009 — a fate the Conservatives avoided by shutting down Parliament.

The Military Police Complaints Commission, in a long-awaited report, concluded the officers had no grounds to open an investigation into the treatment of suspected Taliban prisoners after they were handed over to local authorities in Kandahar.

The watchdog agency said the police were kept out of the loop by the Ottawa-based overseas command that ran the war.

It did not share critical information and warnings that might have prompted an investigation, the agency said.

Both Amnesty and civil-liberties activists began sounding warnings about conditions in Afghan prisons in late 2005 when Canada decided to transfer prisoners captured during the combat mission to local authorities, rather than the U.S.

The commission ripped into Stephen Harper's Conservative government for blocking access to witnesses and documents and presenting "an overall attitude of antipathy ... toward the commission and its task."

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Opposition outrage

Opposition critics were quick to condemn the government for its handling of the issue.

- **NDP.** Foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said the government stonewalled efforts to get to the bottom of the matter.
- **Liberals.** Defence critic John McKay said the government tried to protect itself. "Prime Minister Harper yet again chose to look after Prime Minister Harper."

Drama on parade. Soldier falls and stabs himself with his own bayonet

A 20-year-old member of the Governor General's Foot Guards fell during a ceremonial parade on Parliament Hill Wednesday, stabbing himself in the forearm with his gun-mounted bayonet.

Capt. John-Hugh MacDonald, a spokesperson for the ceremonial guard, said the accident happened as the soldiers were leaving Parliament Hill at the end of the Changing of the Guards ceremony at about 10:30 a.m.

"He went onto a steel manhole cover while he was turning and that caused him to lose his footing," MacDonald said.

"He slipped and fell and was pierced by his bayonet in the left arm."

Paramedics described his injury as a "severe stab wound" and said it led to "severe blood loss."

MacDonald added: "The soldier is still in the hospital but he's in good spirits."

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Liberal race

Deborah Coyne's idea? A run for the leadership

Liberals heading into a leadership contest could face a choice between Pierre Trudeau's eldest son and the mother of his only daughter.

Justin Trudeau is considering whether to run. And now Toronto lawyer Deborah Coyne, 57, is taking the plunge with an "idea-based campaign."

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Federal crackdown

Health experts to watch effects of refugee cuts

Health-care providers across the country will monitor what they say will be the adverse effects of federal cuts to health-care benefits for refugees.

The Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care says the cuts could have deadly consequences as refugees arrive with problems often related to conditions abroad. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rescue workers show their respect by removing their hard hats as a body is carried out of the Elliot Lake, Ont., wreckage. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Out of the rubble, the final sadness

Elliot Lake tragedy. Rescue crews bow their heads in sorrow as two bodies are removed from collapsed mall debris

Search-and-rescue workers removed their hats and bowed their heads in sorrow Wednesday as two bodies were removed from the wreckage of a partially collapsed shopping mall in Elliot Lake, Ont.

Crews who had spent the past two days sifting through the rubble of the Algo Centre Mall used sophisticated equipment to try to clear a path to anyone who may have survived when a roof came crashing down through the two-storey building.

In the end, however, the rescue mission became a recovery operation.

Officials said crew members had only to search one 12-metre-long pile of rubble before wrapping up the operation Wednesday.

The bodies were removed after a specialized robotic arm worked through the night to clear a path through the debris that accumulated when a section of the roof crashed through the two-storey building on Saturday.

The operation required crews to orchestrate the collapse of a precariously balanced escalator and remove slabs of concrete.

The removal of the bodies marked a tragic culmination of a risky rescue operation that many said came too late.

Elliot Lake Mayor Rick Hamilton called it "a deep, deep tragedy" — one that affects not just the victims and their families but the entire community.

"It's with heavy hearts and the deepest condolences on behalf of every citizen in Elliot Lake that we offer our condolences to the families," he said.

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Premier grieves, too

"We live in a big province, but it feels a lot smaller at a time like this as Ontarians come together to support the people of Elliot Lake. Together, we will lift them up as they recover from this tragedy."

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty

Cuts put rescue teams at risk, feds told

The Harper government was warned cutting federal funding would likely cripple rescue teams like the one working at a caved-in mall in Elliot Lake, Ont.

Public Safety Canada evaluated the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue units five years ago and found that without funding from Ottawa, there was a risk some or all of the teams would not survive.

"There is a need for the federal government to continue contributions to build capacity and capability for teams focused on Heavy Urban Search and Rescue," the report found.

A Heavy Urban Search and Rescue unit from Toronto has been leading operations in Elliot Lake, where a mall roof collapsed Saturday afternoon. Two bodies have been found.

The September 2007 Public Safety report lauded the teams as a "national resource." The units are based in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Halifax and Manitoba.

The lion's share of funding for Canada's five Heavy Urban Search and Rescue units comes from the federal Joint Emergency Preparedness Program. But the Conservatives quietly axed the program in the March budget.

A Public Safety official told the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs in April that federal funding for the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program will end next year.

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Queen, IRA icon's grip-and-grin symbolizes truce

Irish republicanism. Queen kept smiling as she shared a stage with a man linked to the killing of her cousin Lord Louis Mountbatten

Queen Elizabeth II and a former Irish Republican Army commander offered each other the hand of peace Wednesday in a long-awaited encounter symbolizing Northern Ireland's progress in achieving reconciliation after decades of violence.

The monarch and Martin McGuinness met privately inside Belfast's riverside Lyric Theatre during a cross-community arts event featuring Northern Ireland musicians, poets and artists.

Media were barred from seeing their first handshake during an ice-breaker over coffee and tea. But the two shook hands again a half-hour later for the cameras' benefit, documenting a moment that would have been inconceivable back in the days when IRA leaders were plotting to kill the British Royal Family. McGuinness' Irish nationalist Sinn Fein party had never attended a royal function before.

Underlying the sensitivity of the occasion, no live footage or sound was permitted to be broadcast. Outside, flak-jacketed police shut down all roads surrounding the theatre and told residents to stay inside their homes.

Both smiled broadly as McGuinness took the Queen's white-gloved hand and spoke to her for about five seconds. Afterward McGuinness said he had told her in Gaelic — a language neither of them speaks — "Slán agus beannacht" and told her this meant "goodbye and godspeed." The latter word actually means "blessing."

The 86-year-old head of state, resplendent in a suit and broad-brimmed hat of matching apple green, didn't speak but kept smiling as she shared a stage with a man linked to the killing of her cousin Lord Louis Mountbatten. Experts on Irish republicanism say McGuinness, 62, was the IRA's chief of staff when the outlawed group blew up Mountbatten's yacht in 1979, killing the 79-year-old and three others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Let it reign?

"If I may give voice to the oft-declared desire of the people of Northern Ireland, on whose loyalty and support you can always depend: Long may you reign over us."

Peter Robinson, the Protestant head of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government. Martin McGuinness did not attend this part of the royal ceremonies.

Queen Elizabeth II shakes hands with Northern Ireland Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, a former IRA commander, as First Minister Peter Robinson watches in Belfast on Wednesday. PAUL FAITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Compromise

It's been a long time coming

The event marked the latest moment in Northern Ireland peacemaking that has delivered a series of once-unthinkable moments of compromise.

Irish republicans long had rebuffed invitations to attend British royal events that occur regularly in Northern Ireland. But analysts said McGuinness' U-turn became inevitable once the Queen made her first state visit to the Republic of Ireland in May 2011, where she honoured Irish rebels who died fighting for independence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Via Rail to cut services nationwide

'Customer needs'. Government-owned passenger-rail service announces its plan to axe 200 unionized jobs

Via Rail expects to cut 200 unionized jobs, or about nine per cent of its workforce, as the government-owned passenger-rail service reduces trips on lines across the country.

No routes are being eliminated, and some in the busy Montreal-Toronto corridor will be increased. But by the end of October, routes in most other areas will see less-frequent service.

"We are aligning our services with customer needs and consolidating our resources where there is a demand," VIA president and CEO Marc Laliberte said Wednesday.

Trip frequencies are being cut on some of big routes, including the Montreal-to-Halifax line — "the Ocean" — which will be cut to three from six round trips a week.

In the West, "the Canadian" — Via's only Toronto-to-Vancouver route — will be reduced to two from three round trips a week in the off-season (October to April). Service during peak season will remain at three trips weekly.

There will also be reductions in southwestern Ontario, where GO Transit and other services are available to commuters. London, Aldershot, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, and other cities will see reduced Via service.

The cuts come after the federal government's March budget, which cut $41 million in subsidies to Via over three years, but the company insists the trip reductions and job losses are driven by weak off-season demand.

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Google challenges Amazon

Product-management director Hugo Barra, at the Google I/O conference in San Francisco on Wednesday, unveils Google's challenge to Amazon's Kindle Fire — the new Google Nexus7, which will sell for $199 US. Google also made prototypes of its futuristic, Internet-connected glasses available for people to test out. Project Glass will only be sold for $1,500 to people attending its annual conference for computer programmers.

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Public service. Tories issue more layoff notifications

A fourth wave of job-loss notifications washed over the federal public service Wednesday as the Conservatives appeared to be trying to shore up support for the cuts.

Union leaders reported that just over 5,000 employees in more than 13 departments were told they could lose their jobs as the government seeks to slash spending.

The job-loss notices were juxtaposed with a series of Conservative government press releases highlighting both spending and saving initiatives.

Unions have long accused the government of being too secretive about the cuts, and their concerns were bolstered last week by another battle in the continuing war between the parliamentary budget officer and the Tories.

Kevin Page published a legal opinion stating that 64 federal departments and agencies are breaking the law by withholding basic information on the 2012 budget from him, prompting the government to accuse him of overstepping his mandate.

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"We need Stephen Harper and his ministers to stop hiding behind spin and start talking to all Canadians about the services we are losing."

Robyn Benson, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada

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MYTH BUSTERS: NEWSROOM EDITION

HE SAYS...
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It's unanimous: Journalists love Aaron Sorkin's The Newsroom.

That's not to say they enjoy the new TV show. The critical consensus according to Metacritic is "generally causing critics to throw up in their mouths a little."

But journalists love the chance it gives us to gaze at our navels. In this case, we media types love to tut-tut when something happens on a fictional news show that wouldn't happen in real life.

Sure, we can watch an Indiana Jones movie and never think, "An archeologist probably wouldn't use a 5,000-year-old religious artifact as a snowboard, even if he was being chased by a Panzer tank."

But if we're watching a television show about news, suddenly we demand TV be a perfect reflection of reality. "He's having a beer at lunch!" We crow, "He'll be sleepy all afternoon! And he's figuring out the tip without his phone! So he can do math?! While you're at it, why don't you give him X-ray vision?"

We're a bit defensive, because we're misunderstood. About 10 per cent of the population thinks we're noble crusaders against tyranny and injustice, an expectation that only a scant few live up to. And about 90 per cent of the population thinks we're pond scum.

With that in mind, here are some myths and realities about journalists I keep stored in my navel. Let's clear a few things up.

MYTH: Given The Newsroom is a Sorkin production, you can bet the characters will constantly be walking and talking. They'll barge into offices, they'll talk as they barrel down hallways. It's an important world, and they are on the move.

REALITY: Most journalists spend so much time in their chairs that their posture is roughly equivalent to Gollum from The Lord of the Rings. (Exception: People on their way to a smoke break.)

MYTH: We're all lefty pinkos.

REALITY: We're mostly lefty pinkos.

MYTH: Retweets are not endorsements.

REALITY: Yeah, sure.

MYTH: We are evil and smart. Just read the comments underneath online stories. (WARNING: By comment No. 10, this will officially drop your IQ to "avocado.") Comments teach us that reporters are liberal/conservative minions of the NDP/Conservatives who slant every story to bolster high taxes/the oilsands.

REALITY: We are well-meaning and not that bright. Most journalists want to make the world a better place, but don't have the first clue how to do that. So instead we write pieces that, for instance, illustrate that people at the gas station don't like high gas prices. (Also, most journalists have stopped reading the comments, so feel free to stop writing them.)

MYTH: We are well-paid.

REALITY: Three words: Ha ha ha.

To sum up, we reporters are unhealthy, disillusioned, sarcastic and do not value your opinion. I hope that clears up any negative preconceptions you may have had.

And if you disagree with anything I said here, please, send me a comment.

Jeff Daniels in The Newsroom. CONTRIBUTED

Making footprints beak-ause

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Elephant conservation

Penguin stomps his feet for a cause

A Fiordland penguin named Mr. Munro leaves his paint prints on a canvas at Taronga Zoo Wednesday in Sydney, Australia. Taronga and Western Plains Zoo pledged a new elephant-conservation project in Thailand and animals at Taronga made their pledge by dipping their feet and hands in paint and smudging them on canvas. GETTY IMAGES

Printed with paint

- The animals included an elephant, a Quokka (a small marsupial), a seal and a penguin.
- 4,000 animals at the zoo have dipped their paws in paint to promote awareness of animal conservation.
- In order to protect elephants from humans, two guard stations and a chain of outposts on the park grounds will be built at the Thailand site.

Tuka the Komodo dragon leaves his paw mark.

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Taronga, in a joint effort with Zoos Victoria, is helping fund the $100,000 project.

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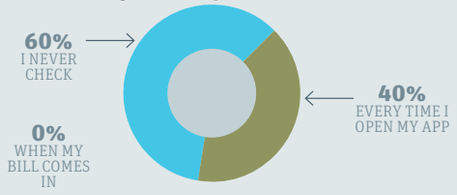

Twitter

@kaylakozan: I wonder what the clouds looked like in Regina last night? #yqr

@pipewrench80: I loved the weather yesterday. #yqr #saskstorm

@adamroth85: Hitting up the sask jazz festival with my sister #saskjazz

@ToucanK8: I know everyone loves a good storm, but please play safe in that tornado back home. #yqr

@gordiechan: Talked to a former NHLer here in #YQR yesterday. He predicts #Oilers will suck this year. Says goaltending and D are awful.

@the1andonlyjade: What a weird day here in#YQR, one more day off and back to the grind.

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Scene in brief

Jack White to practise Voodoo

Touring in support of his critically acclaimed debut solo album Blunderbuss, Jack White has been added to the lineup for the 2012 Voodoo Music and Arts Experience. White joins other headliners for the event, set for Oct. 26 to 28, including Grammy-Award-winning trio Green Day and Neil Young & Crazy Horse. Other talent previously announced include The Avett Brothers, electronic dance music star Skrillex, Justice, Tomahawk, Say Anything, funk bassist Bootsy Collins, blues-rock guitarist Gary Clark Jr. and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

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On the web

Mandy Moore helps Dove promote importance of 'real-women' role models

Local talent to dominate downtown concert series

Local music. Lunch hour tunes to waft through the streets every Thursday over the next month

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The Regina Downtown Concert Series begins today. All concerts are free to attend, and tables will be set up for those wishing to eat their lunch. HANDOUT

Running from June 28 to August 30, every Thursday the Regina Downtown Concert Series will feature performances from both local and out-of-town musical acts during the lunch hour on the Casino Regina Summer Stage at the F.W. Hill Mall on Scarth Street.

Perhaps to the dismay of Leasa Gibbons, Regina Downtown Business Improvement District (RDBID) marketing and communications manager, she did not choose any of the bands playing in the series this summer.

"That'd be too much pressure. I'd be like, 'Can we have an '80s cover band? How about some Journey?' said Gibbons.

Thankfully, Gibbons and the RDBID got some help from Rage Regina (not to be confused with the lingerie football team, Regina Rage) to choose the performers. Instead of hearing awful covers of Bon Jovi songs, you'll be subject to performances from the likes of Black Drink Crier, The Lonesome Weekends, Belle Plaine, The Fortunate Isles, Alex Runions, Fur Eel, The Hard Ramblers, Fly Points, Roots N' Herbs, and The Criminal Kid.

"It is a great opportunity for local or emerging artists to have a platform in a non-traditional market ... instead of being in a bar or place where you might not reach those folks who work in the Towers or work downtown, and it gives those folks a different exposure to music," added Gibbons.

"From a perspective of somebody who would be 45, working downtown, am I coming out to see The Lonesome Weekends? I don't even know who they are. But, if I come down to F.W. Hill Mall, and I hear music, I might think, 'Oh, who are these guys? They're great!'" said Gibbons.

Moreover, the Downtown Concert Series will improve the downtown area and help make it a more lively and attractive part of the city.

Quote

"It is a great opportunity for local or emerging artists to have a platform in a non-traditional market."

Leasa Gibbons
Regina Downtown Business Improvement District (RDBID) marketing and communications manager

"It really activates the space. It encourages people to engage in the downtown. Just like any neighbourhood, when you invite people to have some ownership of common space, it really creates a place for them to come out and say, 'This is my backyard'. And so they take some care into what happens in that space," said Gibbons.

Nine-to-five workers and local musicians aren't the only ones who benefit from an event like this. Gibbons said with an increase of people coming to the F.W. Hill Mall, the businesses there will see an increase in, ahem, business.

"I find that it helps our foot traffic on F.W. Hill Mall ... (and) our retailers placed along there. But, it also gives folks something to do other than stay in their office or eat in one set place every week; it gives them something different to do," said Gibbons.

Last year, the concert series attracted roughly 3,000 people to the Casino Regina Summer Stage downtown, but Gibbons is hoping to improve on that this year.

"This year, I'm hoping to see that increase by another 500, so my target is to have at least 3,500," said Gibbons.

The Regina Downtown Concert Series begins today with a performance from Black Drink Crier. All concerts are free.

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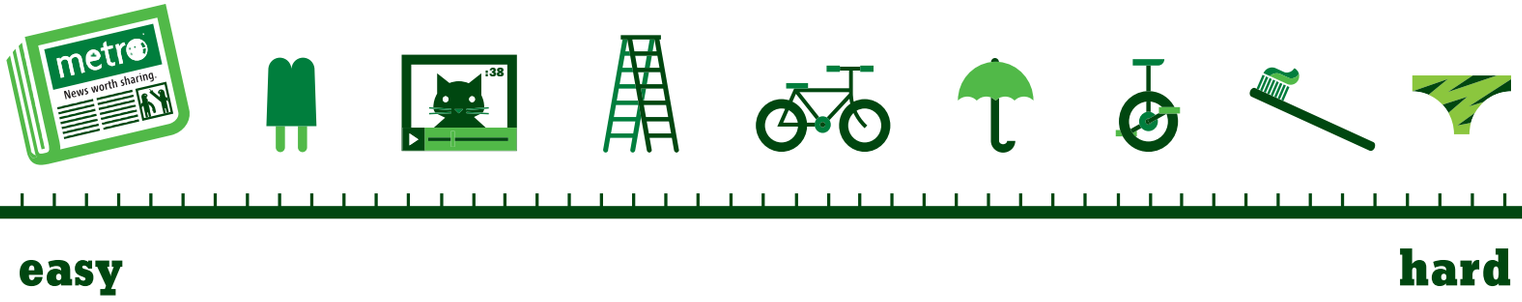
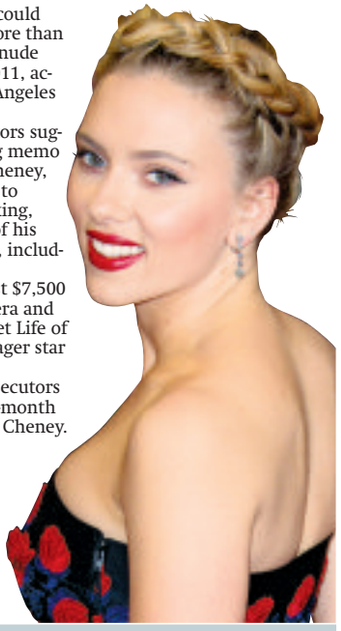


ScarJo could get paid for leaked nude pics



Scarlett Johansson could be compensated more than $66,000 for having nude photos leaked in 2011, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Federal prosecutors suggest in a sentencing memo that Christopher Cheney, who pleaded guilty to nine counts of hacking, compensate some of his high-profile targets, including Johansson.

They also suggest $7,500 for Christina Aguilera and $76,767.35 for Secret Life of the American Teenager star Renee Olstead.

In addition, prosecutors are suggesting a 71-month prison sentence for Cheney.

Drake

Imagine a Drake-Chris Brown boxing match

Since their alleged feud erupted in a nightclub brawl last week, Drake and Chris Brown have become very public rivals. And now some folks would like to see them duke it out in the ring.

Billionaire Alki David is offering the R&B stars $1 million each — plus an additional million for charity — to strap on gloves for a pay-per-view boxing match, according to the New York Daily News. Boxing promoter Damon Feldman, who's handling the proposed event, thinks it's a brilliant idea, naturally.

"Obviously they have a grudge. It's just three 1-minute rounds. No one will get seriously hurt," he tells the newspaper.

"I would love to have Rihanna as the ring girl."

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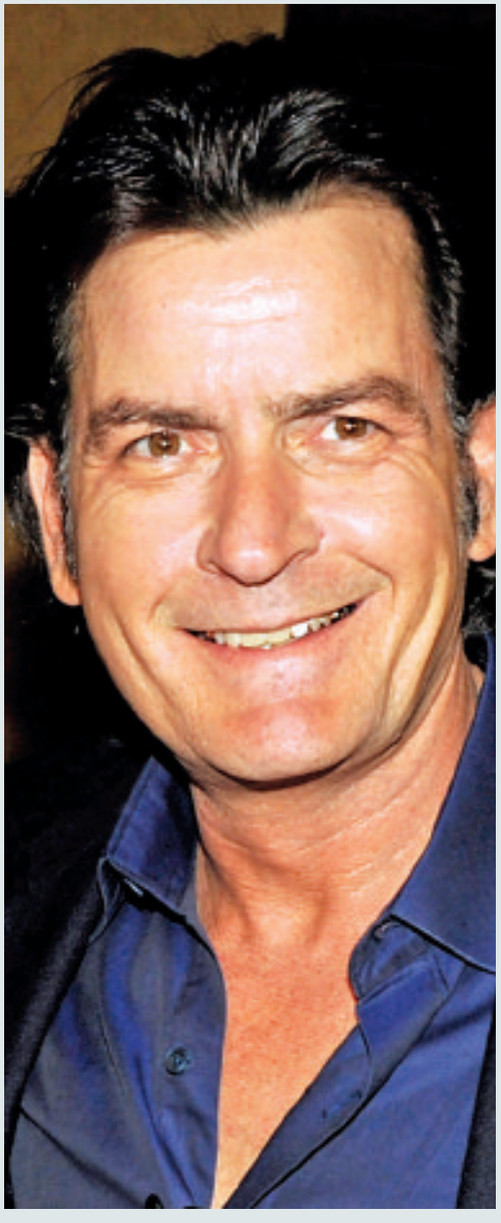

Charlie Sheen, you win this time

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Reports that Charlie Sheen expertly and enthusiastically dismantled another Ritz-Carlton hotel room don't seem to be holding up. While Usmagazine.com claims the actor trashed his suite during a weekend-long party while in New York with ex-wife Denise Richards — which he actually famously did in 2011 before landing in the hospital — his reps and hotel employees are denying he was anything but a well-behaved guest.

TMZ obtained a copy of the bill — why yes, we did feel creepy reading it — and Sheen's version might hold up: Your mom could do more damage to the minibar, and we're pretty sure dry-cleaning isn't a concern when there are coke-dusted porn stars to attend to.

John Travolta. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Travolta surfaces, engages in red-carpet PDA with wife

John Travolta made his first public appearance since being hit with a cavalcade of sexual misconduct lawsuits from various service industry men, and it appears he decided actions would speak louder than words.

Travolta hit the red carpet for the premiere of his latest film, Oliver Stone's Savages, and instead of stopping to give any interviews, he and wife Kelly Preston put on an impressive show of public displays of affection, groping and kissing each other all the way down the carpet, according to Hollyscoop.

The couple literally could not — or at least would not — keep their hands off each other.

The appearance came just hours after a male cruise ship employee filed a federal suit against Travolta claiming sexual misconduct.

Did Depp cheat on Paradis?

Johnny Depp recently bought Amber Heard a horse, but he may have been spending some extracurricular time with his former Rum Diary co-star before splitting with longtime partner Vanessa Paradis.

"He's smitten by her. They started sleeping together during the press tour," a source tells Us Weekly.

As for Paradis, she wasn't amused — another source heard her scream, "If I see her, I'll drown her!"

Noted, Vanessa. And with that, we are officially done talking about your split.

Twitter

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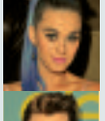

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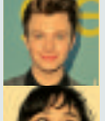

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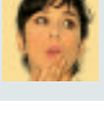

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A drunken screaming fight outside my apt door is a delight to wake up to 2 hours before my alarm

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Fashion Flash

Welcome to the Jersey store: Jacob launches new collection

Jacob has fans of jersey in mind as it readies to roll out its new casual chic collection. The Montreal-based retailer will debut Jersey by Jacob next month. The collection includes a selection of camisoles, T-shirts, cardigans, sweaters, leggings, pants, dresses, jackets and scarves in a palette of grey, black and white with touches of pink. In addition to the use of jersey, which is in the moniker for the new line, the collection will also be crafted with a variety of other fabrics such as knitwear, ponte and fleece. Apparel and accessories in the collection will range from $19 to $79. It will be available at the retailer's 85 stores across Canada and online at jacob.ca.

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On the Web

Milan menswear designers dispel gloom over euro-land with a bright summer 2013

Summer hair SOS

Looking good. Summer has officially arrived, but too much heat, salt and chlorine can really mess with your hair. Now is the perfect time to give your locks some serious TLC. We explain how.

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News in London

This year's schizophrenic weather conditions — scorching heat one day, muggy and wet the next — have probably frazzled and weakened your hair.

Celebrity hair stylist Tommy Buckett, from New York, who has tamed the manes of Ashley Olsen and Emma Stone, talks us through a super simple summer hair-care routine.

Cover up

You've been so focused on getting your body beach ready that you've neglected your hair.

Too much chlorine, sea salt and exposure to the sunlight will cause your hair to look dull and damaged, explains Buckett.

"It's not just your skin that needs protecting. All these things can strip your colour and dry out your hair. So if you want to enjoy the sunshine, you'll have to protect your hair. Wear a hat or a scarf to cover your locks or use a UV protectant spray," says Buckett.

Damage control

No matter how many times you pin or scrape wet hair back it ends up getting stuck to your clammy forehead.

There's no escaping the heat and humidity.

It's easier to damage wet so avoid pulling it up until it's dry.

"Your hair is like a rubber band. It can only be pulled so much before it loses its elasticity and snaps. Over time, pulling it back too tight will cause it to snap where the elastic band is placed.

Loosely tie your hair up or use little tortoise-shell clips if you want to avoid breaking it," adds Buckett.

The perfect beach wave

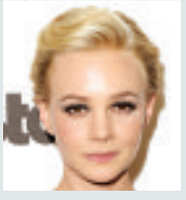
Some people (rather annoyingly) are born with natural loose waves. Brazilian model Gisele Bündchen is the poster girl for sexy beach hair. For those that aren't, there's a quick-fix solution. "The perfect beach wave can be achieved by spraying sea salt spray and using a diffuser.

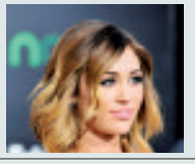
While drying your hair (it's fine to blow-dry your hair just as long as you make sure you're using a heat protector) twist it in big chunks to create a perfect wave," recommends the hairstylist. And if at the end of the day you want to wash out all the products, sand and waves that's fine. Just remember to always use a conditioner. "Summer hair gets dirtier quicker," he says.

Top 3 fuss-free summer 'dos

Beachy. Blake Lively's long, loose layers are the ultimate beach look.

Pixie. A cropped haircut like Carey Mulligan's is low maintenance and will wipe years off your face.





Bob. Layered hair cut just above the neck, like Miley Cyrus, is non-committal and easy curl.

We fixed your hair, but the earrings are up to you GETTY IMAGES

Tommy Buckett's summer-hair essentials

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Easy bathroom upgrades

Decor ideas. It's a small space with infinite possibilities — why not give your loo a little love?

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Q: I can't do a full-on renovation of my 12-year-old condo bathroom right now, but I would like to give it a mini-makeover to add more comfort and style. What can I do?
Deirdre Miller, London, Ont.

Embrace a new colour

Paint all the remaining wall and ceiling the same colour to add drama to the space.

- **Go dramatic.** A deep grey will blend the brushed metal, carbon tiles and other neutral accessories together and allow other punchy-coloured items to show up beautifully. Wall Street CSP-20, Benjamin Moore Paints. Cost: $50 to $100.

Kohler's Hydrorail Column, $441 and up KOHLER.CA

Single Brushed Steel Wall Hook, $17 CRATEANDBARREL.CA

Smart Tiles' Carbon Mosaik, $11, HOMEDEPOT.CA

A: With any short-term decoration project I always recommend going dramatic; this gives you the biggest bang for your buck and creates some drama to tie you over until you can do a full reno.

Here are some ideas and great products that are homeowner-friendly and provide big impact in your bathroom.

I suggest using most of your budget on neutral-coloured products and having fun with punchy towels or small accessories on a smaller budget. This gives you longevity, and it will stay in style until you are ready to make big changes.

Shower with ease: Turn a standard tub into a flexible shower spa with the Hydrorail by Kohler. Choose whichever showerhead works for your comfort and install it easily over your existing tile. It's a great way to turn your tub area into a personal retreat without renovating the entire tub and shower. It'll be dollars spent on just you and your comfort. Cost: $450 to $1,700.

Peel and stick: I love the fun peel-and-stick tiles offer for a kitchen backsplash or in a bathroom. Smart Tile's Carbon Mosaik sheets are made of a gel that make the tiles look 3D. Easy to cut and maintain, simple peel-and-stick tiles on an entire wall in the bath (outside of shower area) creates a trendsetting look and a high-end focal wall. Cost: $250 to $500.

Modern Accessories: With a modern towel rod, shower curtains and hooks will instantly improve and update the look of the bathroom. I like the brushed steel and square designs of Crate and Barrel's Brushed Steel Wall Hooks as they appear to be much more high-end than their price. Try adding two in the shower area for personal towels and one on the back of door for a luxe robe. Cost: $100 to $200.

Go tall: Mounting an outside shower curtain at ceiling height and hanging a long decorative drape hides the shower area, and adds a sense of height to the bathroom while making the room feel like a powder room for guests. Use a synthetic fabric for your drape, and of course use a separate shower curtain liner behind the drape to protect it. Cost: $100 to $300.

Spa Feelings: Little touches like candles, wastebaskets and rugs create that spa feeling when needed. Try to choose accessories that are both decorative and useful; that way guests won't feel like they've invaded your private spa space. I love the smooth pebble mat from CB2; it massages the feet and adds a cool touch when getting out of a warm shower. Cost: $100 to $400.

Pebble Mat, $50, CB2 CB2.CA

All hands on deck!

The Canada Day long weekend is here, which means barbeques, sunshine, long chats and cool drinks — and where better to enjoy these activities than on a beautiful deck!

Landscape professionals Jake and Joel Moss set homeowners up with the yard of a lifetime on Yardcore, and you can bet their projects have featured many beautiful backyard decks.

First steps

Decks provide an extra space to lounge and dine alfresco. They can highlight the design of a yard and maximize outdoor space, and can also be installed where a patio cannot such as on slopes or a rocky terrain.

There are a variety of shapes and materials to choose from but before getting started it's best to consult your city's building codes for any requirements on railing and landing heights.

Selecting materials

There are many different decking materials to choose from and it's a good idea to evaluate the various options before getting started.

Pressure-treated wood is probably the most popular as there is a wide variety of colour and grain options. With this product you can refinish scratches and stains yourself, although it is prone to weathering and splitting.

An alternative is aluminum decking which can last for decades as it is strong, rust-proof and watertight and can also allow for waterproof storage underneath. This choice is pricey and the textured surfaces of aluminum can trap dirt.

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Grilled Shrimp Tacos go from food-truck staple to dinner-table fare

Whether you prefer your tacos hard and crunchy or lean more to the softer side, this grilled shrimp filling perfect for a summer barbecue will leave you satisfied.

Shrimp cook quickly, especially on the intense heat of the grill, so be sure to prep your other ingredients ahead of time and set out a buffet of toppings and tortillas. Then just toss the shrimp on the grill and in minutes you'll be enjoying summer just a little bit more.

Ingredients

- 1 lb extra-large shrimp
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp ground cumin
- 2 medium red onions, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 4 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 8 taco shells or 6-inch tortillas

1. Heat the grill to high.

2. Place the shrimp in a large bowl. Season with salt, pepper and cumin, then toss to coat evenly.

3. Divide the shrimp among 6 skewers, threading them evenly without crowding them on the skewers. Do the same for the onions.

4. Using an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, lightly oil the grill grates. Grill the shrimp for 2 minutes per side and the onions for 5 minutes per side.

5. Chop the grilled red onions and place in a medium bowl. Stir in the celery, tomatoes, chipotle pepper and garlic. Season with salt and black pepper. Set aside.

6. In a small bowl, toss the avocado with the lime juice. In another small bowl, stir together the sour cream and cilantro.

7. To serve, set the shrimp, red onion salsa, avocado and sour cream on the table with the taco shells or tortillas. Diners can assemble their own tacos.

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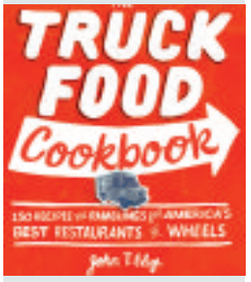
Grilled Shrimp Tacos

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Book of the week

Street eats love



The best street food is bold, delicious, surprising, over-the-top and eatable on the run. And the best part is now you can make it at home.

Researched by John T. Edge, The Truck Food Cookbook delivers 150 recipes from America's best restaurants on wheels from L.A. and New York to Portland, Austin and more. Hundreds of full-colour photographs capture the lively street food scene and its hip and funky aesthetic.

The resulting menu includes eats such as: Crawfish Pies, Calexico Carne Asada Tacos, Falafel and Egg Hoagies, Cheesesteak Sandwiches, Sweet Potato Cupcakes, Kalbi Beef Sliders and more. METRO

Conquer the massive Rocky Mountain Roast Beef Sandwich

This sandwich combines bold flavours for an intense taste. NEWS CANADA

1. Mayo: Combine mayo, garlic, tomato, avocado, horseradish, mustard and pepper. Mix in food processor; set aside.

2. Caramelize onion in 1 tsp (5 ml) butter and set aside. Separately, slice mushrooms into 12 slices and fry in remaining 1 tsp (5 ml) of butter until golden.

3. Roast red bell pepper rings in 180 C (350 F) oven on baking sheet 15 minutes, turning once. Set aside.

4. Lightly pan fry pancetta and set aside. Separately, lightly pan fry roast beef in spicy BBQ sauce until warm and juicy.

5. Slice half loaf of garlic bread down centre to form base and top of sandwich. Place on a baking sheet and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven 7 minutes, or until golden brown. After removing bread from oven, leave bottom piece of the bread on the baking sheet; set top piece aside.

6. Build sandwich, layering ingredients in order from bottom: 2 slices jalapeno havarti, roast beef, roasted garlic avocado mayo, caramelized onions, golden mushrooms, pancetta, roasted red bell peppers, and 2 more slices of jalapeno havarti. Place in oven on broil 3 minutes, until cheese is melted.

7. Remove base of sandwich from the oven and continue layering ingredients in order: sliced pickles, banana peppers, red onions, shredded lettuce and chives.

8. Place top of bread on finished sandwich and spike with long toothpicks or skewers. Cut in half, take a bite and be prepared for sandwich heaven!

NEWS CANADA/ DITALIANO.CA

Ingredients

Roasted Garlic Avocado Mayo:

- 4 tbsp (60 ml) light mayo
- 5 cloves garlic, roasted
- 1/2 Roma tomato
- 1/2 avocado
- 5 ml (1 tsp) horseradish
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- Ground pepper, to taste

- 1/4 Vidalia onion, sliced
- 10 ml (2 tsp) butter
- 5 large button mushrooms
- 3 red bell pepper rings
- 6 slices pancetta bacon
- 10 to 14 oz (300 to 400 g) shaved deli roast beef
- Spicy barbecue sauce
- 1/2 loaf of D'Italiano Garlic Bread
- 4 large slices jalapeno havarti cheese
- Garlic dill pickles, sliced
- Banana peppers
- 4 red onion rings
- Lettuce, shredded
- Chives, dice

Asian Pies. Hand-held, stuffed with chicken and ideal for a picnic lunch

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Remove pie shells from freezer. Let thaw at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes.

3. Mix together chicken, green onion, soy sauce, teriyaki sauce, honey, sesame oil, garlic, ginger, carrot and 5 ml (1 tsp) of the sesame seeds and set aside.

4. Remove pie shells from foil and flatten on clean, flat, lightly floured work surface. Cut four 7.5-cm (3-inch) squares from each pie shell.

5. Divide chicken mix evenly among 4 squares, mounding in the centre and leaving a 5-mm (1/4-inch) pastry edge.

6. Brush edges of pastry around filling with beaten egg. Top with remaining 4 squares of pastry. Press edges together and crimp with fork. Brush tops with beaten egg and sprinkle with remaining sesame seeds.

7. Bake for 15 minutes or until pastry is golden. Let pies rest for 10 minutes before serving.

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Ingredients

- 2 frozen deep-dish pie shells
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fully cooked and sliced chicken breast
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sliced green onion
- 10 ml (2 tsp) soy sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) teriyaki sauce
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each honey and sesame oil
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) minced garlic
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) grated ginger
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated carrot
- 15 ml (3 tsp) toasted sesame seeds
- 1 egg, beaten

Were you born to grill?

Firing up the BBQ. Celebrity chef Rob Rainford provides tips to make barbecue season a success

YLVA VAN BUUREN
For Metro

There's nothing like a backyard barbecue to bring friends and family together, says Canadian chef and grill expert Rob Rainford.

Rainford, who teaches at George Brown College and is the chef at Gossip restaurant in Toronto, says when he is entertaining he will often cook a chicken or a tenderloin — "so I'm not completely straddled to the barbecue, and I can spend time with guests, too." But he is happy cooking a steak or burger to order as well.

Here is how to grill the Rainford way:

• Keep one part of the grill hot and the other at a lower temperature. "Then, depending on the cut of meat, you can sear it on both sides on the hot side, then finish the cooking process more gently on the cooler side of the grill."

• Always bring meat to room temperature before you grill to ensure even cooking.

• To keep meat or fish from sticking to the grill, wipe the cooking grates with vegetable oil before putting food onto them. Also, and this is most important, maintain a high temperature and leave the meat alone for the first 30 to 45 seconds.

• Use a water spray bottle to extinguish flare-ups from dripping juices from the meat. But it may also be better to move the meat to the lower heat side of the grill and finish cooking it that way.

• Watch the food you are grilling at all times. If you are slow grilling — the barbecue is at 100 C (220 F) — you can walk away but be sure to check it every half-hour.

• Let meat rest (even burgers) for about 10 minutes under tented foil before serving.

FLAVOUR TIPS

• Grilled Greens: "I always add a grilled element to salads to add that barbecue flavour," says Rainford. For example, he will take scallions or leeks and grill them quickly and put them into a tossed green salad.

• Smoke It: Consider using wood chips in your barbecue and adding a smoky flavour. There are different kinds depending on what you are grilling. Flavourful woods such as hickory and mesquite go well with ribs while sweeter woods such as apple or cherry are recommended for tuna or chicken.

• Add Some Heat: Rainford, who has Jamaican parents, says you can jazz up any recipe by adding a tablespoon of Jerk sauce to the barbecue sauce you use (he includes recipes in his cookbook).

Celebrity chef Rob Rainford. CONTRIBUTED

Recipe. Rob Rainford's Fired-Up Chicken Wings

Ingredients

- ½ cup (125 ml) canola oil
- ¼ cup (60 ml) Jerk Marinade (see Rainford's Staple Recipes in his book)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chili powder
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) onion powder
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) garlic powder
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) smoked paprika
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 jalapeno chili (for less heat, seed the chili)
- 1 tsp (5 ml) kosher salt
- ½ tsp (2 ml) ground ginger
- 2 lbs (1 kg) chicken wings

1 Combine the canola oil, jerk marinade, chili powder, onion powder, garlic powder, smoked paprika, black pepper, jalapeño, salt and ground ginger in a large bowl.

2 Add the chicken wings and toss to coat evenly. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or up to 24 hours.

3 Fire up your charcoal. You need a medium-high grilling temp of around 350 F (180 C). Prep the grill for cooking over direct heat. If using a gas barbecue, preheat one side to medium-high and turn the other burner off so you can finish grilling the wings on the cooler side of the grill if they start to char.

4 Remove the wings from the marinade, shaking off the excess. Pat the wings dry with paper towels.

5 Grill the wings, turning often, for 20 to 30 minutes or until golden and the juices run clear. (If using a kamado-style grill, the wings need to be turned just once, halfway through cooking.)Makes two main-course servings; 10 appetizer-size servings.

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"We are not going to be focusing on winning, winning, winning to the point that it suffocates us and we squeeze our sticks."

New Edmonton Oilers coach Ralph Krueger, who promised a plan to get inside the heads of his young scoring phenoms to keep them loose and make them believe. The Oilers signed Krueger, the associate coach last year, to a three-year deal. He replaces Tom Renney, who was let go as the team's 10th head coach last month.

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On the web

Should there be a rule for how much grunting is acceptable during a tennis match? The women's tour thinks so and is working on a plan to "drive excessive grunting" out of the sport. Scan the code for the story.

Spain players celebrate victory over Portugal Wednesday in Donetsk, Ukraine. LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

Spain wins despite sputtering offence

Euro 2012 semifinal. Defending champions end Portugal's run in a penalty shootout

Far from its best, Spain still advanced to another major final on Wednesday by beating Portugal 4-2 in a penalty shootout after a 0-0 draw at the European Championship.

Cesc Fabregas, who came on as a substitute in the second half of regulation time, scored the deciding penalty after Bruno Alves had hit the crossbar for Portugal moments earlier.

"I played poorly, but the team worked really hard," Fabregas said. "I had this intuition that we could advance if we went to penalties and that's what we did."

Spain, which is trying to win a third straight major trophy after claiming titles at Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup, will next face either Germany or Italy on Sunday in Kyiv.

"Being in another final is a miracle," Fabregas said. "It's really incredible."

Cristiano Ronaldo had several chances for Portugal, but he sent three shots well over the bar as his team held its own for the entire match. The Real Madrid star, who came alive with three goals in his last two matches at Euro 2012, did not take a penalty in the shootout. He had been slated to take the fifth one, but he never got that far.

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Game plan

Italy coach assures all-out attack

Italy coach Cesare Prandelli has some questions over his lineup for Thursday's European Championship semifinal with Germany. There's no question, though, over what type of match his team will play.

Despite facing the tournament's most impressive squad thus far, Prandelli promises his team will attack at will.

Prandelli said, "We only have one weapon," which is to "play our game."

Prandelli is reportedly considering replacing Antonio Cassano with Alessandro Diamanti alongside Mario Balotelli.

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Ryder Cup

Love chooses longtime friends as assistant captains

U.S. captain Davis Love III selected a pair of longtime friends, Fred Couples and Mike Hulbert, as his assistants for the Ryder Cup. He said Wednesday they will help him choose his two other assistant captains for the Sept. 28 to 30 matches at Medinah.

European captain Jose Maria Olazabal has not announced his assistants.

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NBA

Crapshoot in draft after Hornets use first pick on Davis

Once Anthony Davis slips on a Hornets hat above basketball's most celebrated eyebrow Thursday night, the NBA draft really starts.

Davis will head to New Orleans with the No. 1 pick, even if the college player of the year is reluctant to guarantee it.

After that, nobody can be sure what will happen.

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NHL

Stanley Cup set for busy summer

Thirteen American states, five Canadian provinces and its first-ever visit to Slovenia. The Stanley Cup will soon embark on a busy summer tour with the Los Angeles Kings.

One of the greatest rewards that come with winning the iconic trophy is getting the opportunity to host it for a day.

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NHL. NHLPA sets 31-man negotiating committee, readies for CBA talks

Poised and confident. Calm and ready. There wasn't the slightest hint of tension in the air as the NHL Players' Association wrapped up executive board meetings Wednesday and shifted its attention to the imminent negotiation of a new collective bargaining agreement.

"We're ready," said Don Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director. "The players are ready, I'm sure the owners are ready. It's time to start."

The first formal session will be held Friday in New York. The sides also have plans to meet again late next week and are expected to continue holding regular sessions until a new deal can be hammered out.

On Wednesday, Fehr unveiled a 31-player negotiating committee that includes a true cross-section of the union's membership, including recognizable faces and journeymen.

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Expiry date

The current collective bargaining agreement expires Sept. 15.

Baxter Humby

One Arm Bandit nominated for Espy

Canadian kickboxer Baxter (One Arm Bandit) Humby has been nominated for best male athlete with a disability in the Espy Awards.

Humby, a native of Winnipeg who now makes his home in Los Angeles, is missing a right hand as a result of his arm being caught on his mother's umbilical cord and severed while in the womb.

He is the current International Muay Thai Council world super-welterweight champion.

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Wimbledon. Interruption fails to slow Raonic in opening-round match

Canadian Milos Raonic advanced to the second round at Wimbledon on Wednesday, completing a 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Colombian Santiago Giraldo that had been interrupted the night before by rain and darkness.

The 21st-ranked player from Thornhill, Ont., needed just minutes to wrap up the win and move on to a meeting with Sam Querrey.

Fellow Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak, ranked 56th, opened with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Russian Vera Dushevina. She plays her third-round match Thursday against China's Zheng Jie

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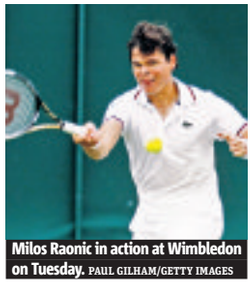

Milos Raonic in action at Wimbledon on Tuesday. PAUL GILHAM/GETTY IMAGES

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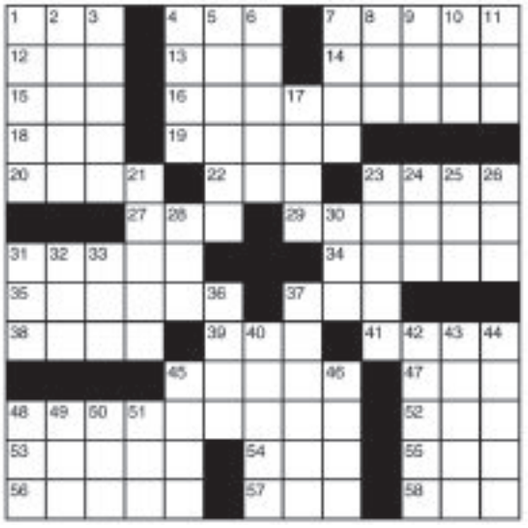

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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" Q G S H Q M S J Y C M A G Q . "

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A GUY STUBBORNLY REFUSED TO LET GO OF HIS METAL SODA CAN, MIGHT YOU CALL HIM TIN-ACIOUS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals D

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Your confidence may be high today but you would be wise not to let your enthusiasm get the better of you. It may turn people against you.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. What changes can you introduce to make your life more exciting? Give it some thought and when you come to the conclusion, draw up a plan.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. The only danger now is that you will focus on one aim to the exclusion of everything else and miss out on other possibilities. Don't switch off the world around you.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Partners and colleagues are in a talkative mood and some of the things they have to say will not only be interesting but could even help your career.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You have a lot on your plate at the moment but the lion's share of your work is for the benefit of other people. That needs to change.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Planets are tempting you to make big claims for yourself, which could lead to problems when others discover you lack relevant experience.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. What happens today may seem chaotic but if you stand back and take a broader perspective of the situation you will see there is a pattern to events. Rise above petty issues.

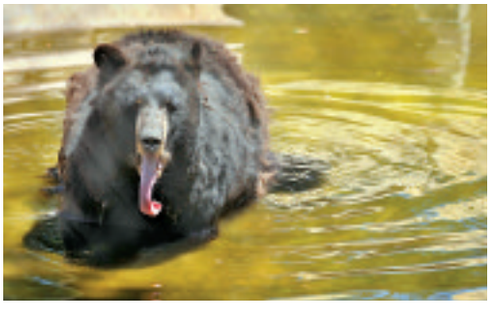
Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. A change of scene will do you a world of good. The more you are on the move, the more likely it is you will discover something, or someone, that makes life worth living again.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You may have to use a bit of muscle to get what you need today but watch out you don't annoy someone whose assistance you will need in the very near future.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Make big plans for the next few days — the bigger the better. What happens next week will help you turn your plans into reality.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You may be held back by circumstances beyond your control but don't fight it — go with the flow.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. The Sun in Cancer boosts your confidence but there is a danger today that you could get carried away and say or do something that upsets an authority figure you need to get along with. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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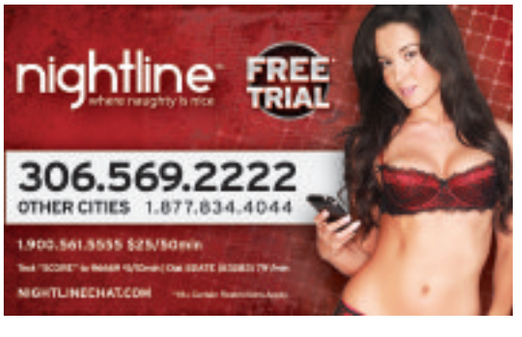

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